

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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In the Matter of D.E.M. and D.M., Minors.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

ALTHEA M. MILES,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

FRANK DAVIDSON,

Respondent.

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No. 244643

Jackson Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 89-016369-NA

Before: Jansen, P.J. and Kelly and Fort Hood, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the circuit court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g), (i), and (j). We affirm. This appeal is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

The circuit court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). The conditions that led to adjudication were that respondent-appellant suffered a psychotic episode, and her home was filthy and unsuitable for children. In the year and one-half that this case was pending, respondent-appellant somewhat recovered her mental health, although she continued to be depressed. She had been evicted from her home twice and was unable at any time to provide stable and appropriate housing for herself and the children. She had no source of income. Moreover, respondent-appellant's parental rights to two older children had been terminated almost twelve years earlier because she similarly was unable to provide proper care and custody for them.

Furthermore, the evidence did not show that termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*,

462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Therefore, the circuit court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the minor children.

Affirmed.

/s/ Kathleen Jansen  
/s/ Kirsten Frank Kelly  
/s/ Karen M. Fort Hood